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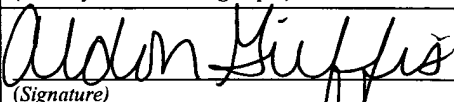
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed December 24, 2003, a Request for Continuing Examination having been filed herein, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to continuing examination of the application..

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 30, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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